

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LOUIS RAYMOND
FALCE, ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/496,889
Filed: February 2, 2000
For: ION THRUSTER HAVING A HOLLOW
CATHODE ASSEMBLY WITH AN
ENCAPSULATED HEATER, AND ITS
FABRICATION

Date: December 4, 2000
Group Art Unit: 3746
Examiner: E. Gartenberg

LETTER RE: PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT

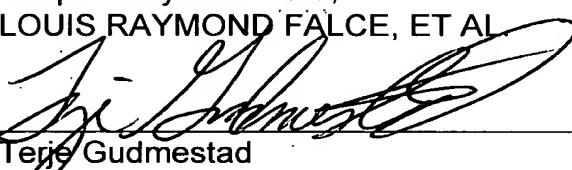
Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Forty-Five Day Notice to file a Property Rights Statement (Form PTOL-456) dated October 25, 2000, applicants enclose herewith a Declaration, properly executed by inventor Louis Raymond Falce and Inventor John R. Beattie, relating to the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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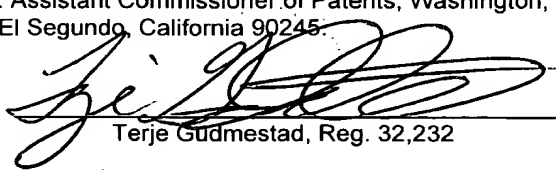
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CERTIFICATION

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